

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-14, 16-19 and 21-23 are pending. The Office Action mailed August 31, 1999 objected to the specification and rejected Claims 1-7, 9, 11-14, 16-19 and 21-23 under obviousness-type double patenting and under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, 103. By way of this amendment, applicant has canceled Claims 1-7, 9, 11-14, 16-19 and 21-23, and added new Claims 25-33. No new matter has been added. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116, applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

Objection to the Abstract

The Office Action objected to the Abstract. Applicant has amended the Abstract according to the noted objections.

Rejection of Claims 1-7, 9, 11-14, 16-19 and 21-23 Under Double Patenting

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-7, 9, 11-14, 16-19 and 21-23 under obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Applicant has canceled Claims 1-7, 9, 11-14, 16-19 and 21-23, therefore this rejection is moot.

Rejection of Claims 1-15 and 19-24 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-15 and 19-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Fu et al. Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-15 and 19-24, therefore this rejection is moot.

New independent Claims 25 and 31 include displaying the monitored health information to the patient. As noted in the prosecution of the parent U.S. Patent No. 5,899,855, Fu et al. fails to present information back to the patient/user. This feedback is an important factor for motivating patients to comply with the continual monitoring required. Therefore, applicant submits that Claims

25 and 31 are allowable over the prior art. Claims 26-28 and 32-33 are also allowable, because they depend from Claims 25 and 31.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, allowance and early passage to issuance. If the examiner has questions, the examiner is invited to contact the applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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